RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – February 4, 2021

Caller Questions from January 28, 2021

1. John from Coventry: Reported poor condition of Route 117 by the Early Childhood Learning Center and the YMCA in Warwick

This project is on our radar. While it's of concern to John and those who travel it every day, the road needs to be prioritized with others throughout the State through our 10-year plan. Presently, Route 117, from Quaker Lane to Diamond Hill Road, is programmed to start design for resurfacing in 2027. We are exploring ways to be able to do something sooner as an interim solution.

2. Charlie from Tiverton: Asked when we would be demolishing the piers at the old Sakonnet River Bridge in Portsmouth/Tiverton

When this was delayed due to environmental issues, we reallocated the project's funding to fix deficient bridges. We are looking for opportunities to refund it, and we will put it back on the plan for a future date when we secure the necessary funding.

3. Steve from Narragansett: Asked that we address Route 1A from the Hussey Bridge in North Kingstown to Bonnet Shores in Narragansett

Route 1A is on our radar and listed on the 10-year plan for 2026.

4. Jim from Bristol: Reported concerns about portions of Route 114 in Barrington, Bristol and Warren

Jim had concerns with three portions of Route 114. They include:

- (1.) at Rumstick Road in Barrington our Maintenance crews repaired a catch basin here the day of the show.
- (2.) from Franklin Street in Warren to the Bristol line this is not listed in the 10-year plan, but we are monitoring the condition of this section of Route 114 carefully and will prioritize it against other paving needs statewide. The Town of Warren is also continuing to chip away at adjusting their sewer manholes at the Franklin Street end to improve ride quality.

- (3.) from Gooding Avenue to Colt State Park in Bristol this is a temporary trench that was the result of some National Grid work in the area. They have been monitoring it and patching as necessary. This spring, they plan final restoration, which will primarily be resurfacing from the curb to the centerline, and a small section, curb to curb.
- 5. Leo from East Providence: Reported an issue with the temporary entrance to the Henderson Bridge in East Providence, noting since this ramp is the old exit ramp, it looks like you're driving the wrong way due to the current striping

We had our crews go back out there and scrape down the arrows pointed in the wrong direction. We will be painting new arrows as soon as the weather permits.

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- Website for help: www.ridot.net/help
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- Road kill DEM 222-3070 (recently killed deer only). Otherwise call RIDOT at 222-2378
- Bike Path issues: DEM 222-3070 for East Bay and Blackstone bikeways. Otherwise, the city or town in which the path is located is the proper contact.
- National Grid 1-800-322-3223
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- MBTA 1-800-392-6100/617-222-3200

